officials of the Bengal Potteries Ltd., Calcutta, were arrested in the case relating to the defrauding of the Punjab National Bank to the tune of Rs. 1.1 crores;

(b) whether the arrested officers have been placed under suspension as required under the rules; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE, SUPPLY AND INDUSTRY (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) The Executive Director and six other officials of M/s. Bengal Potteries Ltd. were arrested in connection with a complaint lodged on 29-12-83 by the Punjab National Bank with the Burrabazar Police Station, alleging that they had committed offences under Sections 120-B, 420, 468 and 471 of Indian Penal Code.

(b) and (c) The arrested persons have not been placed under suspension. The High Court has directed that the persons will be entitled to attend the factory as well as Head Office of Bengal Potteries Ltd. The matter is *sub-judice*.

Allotment of industrial plots of SC/ ST entrepreneurs at Okhla

2826. SHRI (MOLANA) ASRARUL HAQ: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Directorate of Industries, Delhi invited applications from SC/ST entrepreneurs for allotment of industrial plots in the year 1982-83 in functional Industrial Estate for electronics at Okhla; if so, the number of such plots reserved and the number of applications received;

(b) whether it is a fact that some of the SC entrepreneurs who were asked to deposit 50 per cent of the cost of plots could not do so, if so, the number of such entrepreneurs and the number of plots still to be allotted; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that names of some of these entrepreneurs were not included in the draw of lots for the plots due to their alleged non-payment of 50 per cent amount, if so, the reasons therefor and the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI PATTABHI RAMA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir. According to Delhi Administration, 34 plots were reserved for SC/ST entrepreneurs. 29 applications were received from SC/ ST entrepreneurs.

(b) Yes, Sir.

Out of 29 candidates, 24 were found eligible by the Screening Committee and only 9 eligible candidates failed to deposit 50 per cent of the cost. 19 remaining plots have been kept reserved and are yet to be allotted.

(c) Yes, Sir. As per the policy of the Delhi Administration, names of only those candidates who were found eligible by the Screening Committee and deposited 50 per cent cost of the Industrial plots were to be included in the draw of lots.

Delivery of Matadors by M/s. J. J. Motors Corporation, Jhandewalan

2827. SHRI SYED AHMAD HASHMI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1800 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 10th August, 1984, and state:

(a) whether any information was sent to the remaining 365 applicants by M/s. J. J. Motors Corporation, Jhandewalan, Delhi regarding their registration and the likely period to be taken in allotting the matador vehicles;

(b) if answer to part (a) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is the number of cases, with full particulars thereof, out of the above, about which information has been received by the Corporation from the Punjab National Bank branches in New Delhi regarding the grant of loans to the applicants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI PATTABHI RAMA RAO): (a) M/s. J. J. Motors Corporation have advised that customers are verbally informed about the tentative delivery schedule at the time of booking of vehicles.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) This information is not maintained by the Government.

Production of fire-proof doors and shutters

2828. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total installed capacity sanctioned for various units producing fire proof doors, smoke-proof doors and fire-proof shutters;

(b) whether the quality of the said doors etc., comes upto international standards; and

(c) if not, whether Government propose to invite foreign collaboration for updating the technological developments and for production of better types of fire proof doors?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE, SUPPLY AND INDUSTRY (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) There is only one unit viz. M/s. Mathar & Platt Ltd., Bombay in the organised sector licensed for the manufacture of fire-proof doors as such with a licensed capacity of 420 numbers per annum. However, some of the units in the organised sector who have licensed/approved capacity for the manufacture of steel furniture and security equipment are also manufacturing fire protection/ fire-proof doors within their approved capacity for the manufacture of steel furniture and security equipment. No separate capacity has been given to them for the manufacture of fire protection doors/fire proof doors.

(b) and (c). The International Organisation for Standardisation has not formulated any standard for fire protection doors so far. However, Indian Standards Institution have formulated a standard to guide the industry namely, IS: 3614 (Pt-I)—1966 Specification for Fire-Check Doors: Part I Plate, Metal Covered and Rolling Type. Any proposal received for foreign collaboration for updating the production technology will be considered on merits.

Fall in Indian shipping share in Overseas trade

2829. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:

SHRI M. RAJAGOPAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the share of Indian shipping in the carriage of overseas cargo has been fast on decline;

(b) if so, what correcting measures have been taken in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that decline has been mostly recorded due to absence and non-availability of container ships with Indian shipping companies including SCI; and

(d) the steps being taken to increase the fleet of container vessels?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) The share of the Indian lines in the carriage of overseas cargo during the last 4 years was as follows:—

(in million tonnes)

Year	Total sea-borne imports and exports	Exports & imports carried by Indian vessels	Percentage of carge carried by Indian vessels to total cargo
1979-80	71.15	23.74	33.35
1980-81	74.93	24.21	32.30
1981-82	77.36	24.27	31.37
1982-83	77.76	32.24	41.46